

Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS)

(applicable to Australian customers only)

The import of living plant material (e.g. seeds) is controlled by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). They have made it easy to check whether the import of seeds of a particular plant is permitted by providing an online database known as **ICON (Import Conditions)**:

http://apps.daff.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

When you want to order seeds from us, please make sure to check the status of each species in the above database and order only species, which are permitted entry to Australia!

Go to the above ICON search page, there you find three fields:

Commodity	<input type="text"/>
From country	All Countries <input type="button" value="v"/>
For end use	All End Uses <input type="button" value="v"/>
<input type="button" value="Search"/>	

- Under "**Commodity**" ICON requires only the **genus' name** of a certain species. For example, if you would like to import "*Allium schoenoprasum*", type in under "Commodity" only "*Allium*" as the genus' name, etc.
- Under "**From country**" always select "**Spain**".
- Under "**For end use**" always select "**Seeds for sowing**".

ICON will display a **summary listing for this particular genus** (see example below).

In general if it says, that an import permit for the species you are looking is not required, you are free to import the seed as long as you observe the remaining conditions. The remaining conditions can be summarized as follows:

- Seeds must be clean and free of debris.
- Seed packaging must be new.
- Each packet must contain a single species.
- Each packet must be clearly labeled with the botanical name.
- Total weight must be less than 100g. Higher orders are commercial imports and involve costly procedures.

The **first four points** are always fulfilled by us. The last point ("Total weight of consignment must be less than 100g") will be generally achieved if **your order does not exceed 30 packages of seeds**. If you order seeds with a very heavy weight, so that your order will exceed 100g, we will get in contact with you in order to adjust your order.



Please make sure not to order from us seeds from any species, for which:

- **no entry** can be found in the **ICON database**
- an **import permit** is **required**
- one or more of the **following conditions** is stated in the ICON database:

Condition C7172 The plant/seed has been assessed as a weed and entry is prohibited by legislation.

Condition C6066 This commodity is prohibited entry into Australia because insufficient information is available on its risk status. Importers are to be advised that the consignment must be re-exported or destroyed.

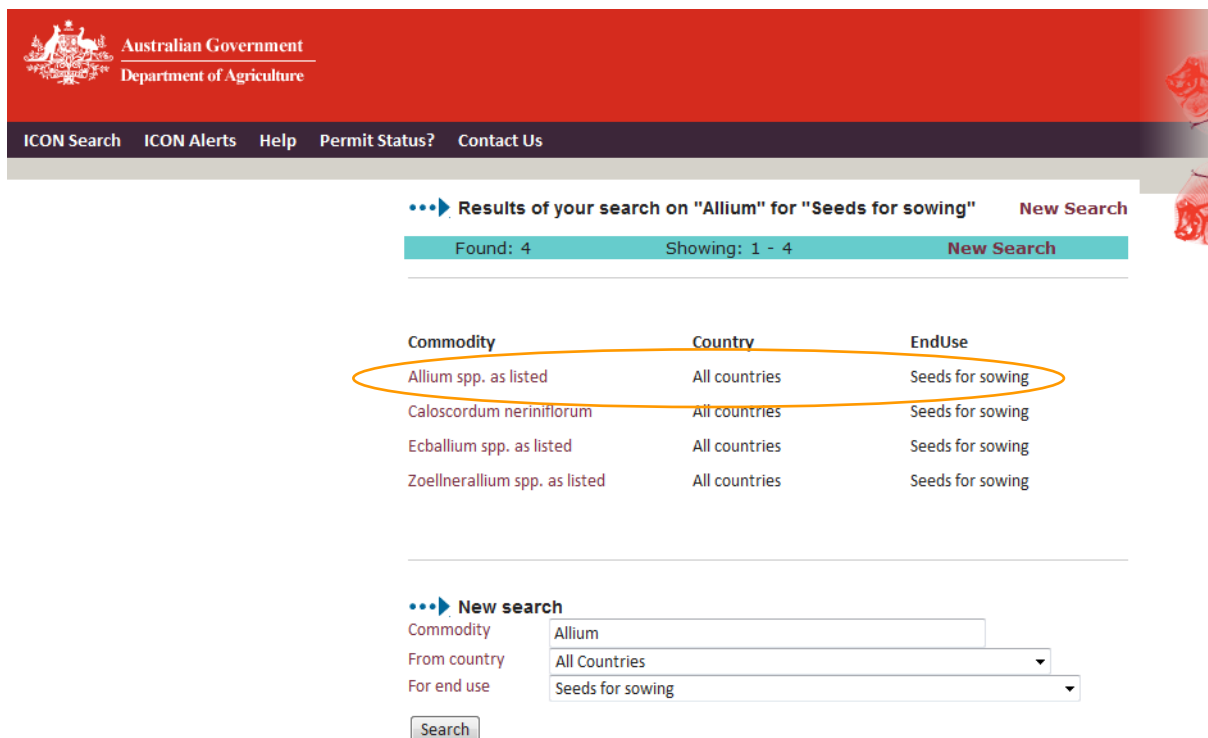
Note: All Australian states and territories (ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA) have additional list with regionally prohibited plant species, which are regarded as weeds for that specific state or territory only. That means that some species are listed in ICON as permitted, yet these may be listed as prohibited in a supplementary regional list.

If any seeds of such regionally prohibited species is detected on the port of entry in your state/territory, it will be removed from your consignment and it will be destroyed by plants' inspection officers. However these additional regional lists include only very few (if at all) species, which we offer.

Some helpful additional information on your national plant protection scheme is presented on the website of the Australian Garden Community (AusGarden): <http://ausgarden.com/importing-seeds>

Example

ICON summary listing for a particular genus: *Allium spp.*



The screenshot shows the Australian Government Department of Agriculture website. The search results for "Allium" for "Seeds for sowing" are displayed. The results table is as follows:

Commodity	Country	EndUse
Allium spp. as listed	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Caloscordum neriniflorum	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Ecballium spp. as listed	All countries	Seeds for sowing
Zoellnerallium spp. as listed	All countries	Seeds for sowing

Below the table, there is a "New search" section with the following fields:

- Commodity: Allium
- From country: All Countries
- For end use: Seeds for sowing

A "Search" button is located below the search fields.



Click on this summary entry and scroll down the resulting page. Usually two **tables** will be shown. The first table lists the **permitted species** (**condition C11128** and **subcondition C7100**), a second table (if there's any) will list the prohibited species.

Condition C11128

Species listing for *Allium* spp.

See **Table 1** for a list of species that are **permitted** entry.

See **Table 2** for a list of species that are **prohibited** entry.

See **Table 3** for a list of species that are currently prohibited entry and **require further assessment**.

Note: Any species not listed in these tables are prohibited entry into Australia by legislation and require assessment.

Table 1: List of Permitted Species. These species may be imported subject to the conditions C19207, C7100, C7179, C7180.

<i>Allium aaseae</i>	<i>Allium abramsii</i>	<i>Allium acuminatum</i>
<i>Allium aflatanense</i>	<i>Allium akaka</i>	<i>Allium albopilosum</i>
<i>Allium alexeianum</i>	<i>Allium altissimum</i>	<i>Allium amabile</i>
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>atroviolaceum</i>	<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>babingtonii</i>
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>holmense</i>	<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> var. <i>porrum</i>	<i>Allium anacoleum</i>
<i>Allium anceps</i>	<i>Allium angulosum</i>	<i>Allium anisopodium</i>
<i>Allium ascalonicum</i>	<i>Allium atropurpureum</i>	<i>Allium atrotubens</i>
<i>Allium atroviolaceum</i>	<i>Allium aucheri</i>	<i>Allium auctum</i>
<i>Allium azureum</i>	<i>Allium azureum</i> var. <i>bulbilliferum</i>	<i>Allium babingtonii</i>
<i>Allium baissunense</i>	<i>Allium bakeri</i>	<i>Allium barszczewskii</i>
<i>Allium beesianum</i>	<i>Allium bigelovii</i>	<i>Allium bodeanum</i>
<i>Allium bourgeauii</i>	<i>Allium bucharicum</i>	<i>Allium bulgaricum</i>
<i>Allium burlewii</i>	<i>Allium caeruleum</i>	<i>Allium caeruleum</i> var.

Scan down this table until you have found the species you are looking for. In the example "*Allium schoenoprasum*" is a permitted species listed under conditions C11128 and C7100 and an import permit is not required.

<i>Allium tomentosum</i>	<i>Allium sativum</i>	<i>Allium sarawacense</i>
<i>Allium sativum</i>	<i>Allium sativum</i> var. <i>sativum</i>	<i>Allium sativum</i> var. <i>ophioscorodon</i>
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> var. <i>alpinum</i>	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> var. <i>orientale</i>
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> var. <i>schoenoprasum</i>	<i>Allium schubertii</i>	<i>Allium scilloides</i>

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